THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 9th August 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Boundary dispute between Madras and Andhra States.

* 1167 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any reply from the Government of India regarding the settlement of boundaries between Madras and Andhra States with special reference to Chittoor district;

(*b*) the decisions arrived at at the informal conference convened by the Hon. the Chief Minister on this question on 2nd February 1954;

(*c*) the steps which the Government propose to take to solve this boundary problem;

(*d*) whether any representation was made by the Government to the Central Government after the informal conference referred to above;

(*e*) if so, with what result;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have invited the Governments of Madras, Andhra and Mysore to participate in a conference to solve the boundary disputes among the States; and

(*g*) if so, when this conference will be held and where?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*g*) The whole matter is still under consideration. It will not be in the public interest to give detailed answers to the various parts of the hon. Member's question. The Government of India have sent a reply to the communication sent by this Government early in February last. They have offered to arrange for a Conference in Delhi if the State Governments of Madras, Andhra and Mysore so desire, in order to facilitate an early decision. As far as this State is concerned, the disputed areas are all in Chittoor district and in Sulurpet taluk of Nellore district. It has been pointed out to the Government of India that the village-wise language figures according to the 1951 Census should be collected in respect of the above areas and that the re-sorting of Census slips for this purpose should be taken up urgently. It has also been pointed out to them that this Government will formulate their claims

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regarding the areas to be transferred to this State and also their views on the demand for a fresh language enumeration, after the results of the re-sorting have been made available."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, may I know whether any representation was made by the Members in the informal conference convened on the 2nd February 1954 about taking a fresh census in the disputed areas or about holding a referendum to decide the future of these areas? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, some representations were made but all these things can be taken into consideration only after we know the results of the re-sorting."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" ஸார், 'மூன்று ராஜ்ய சார்க்காருடைய மகாநாடு நடத்த ஏற்பாடு செய்தாற் கலந்து கொள்ளத் தயாராக இருக்கிறோம்' என்று மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு இந்த அரசாங்கம் எழுதி இருக்கிறதா ? அது சம்பந்தமாக இநத அரசாங்கத்தின் அபிப்பிராயம் என்ன ? ஆந்திர சர்க்காரோடு ஒரு மகாநாடு நடத்தி இந்தப் பிரச்னையைத் தீர்ப்பதற்கு நம்ராஜய சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the first thing we have to do is to re-sort the figures with reference to the 1951 Census. Then alone we will know the exact areas to which we have a claim. If we meet after this re-sorting, it will be possible either to come to a decision or consider whether it will be necessary to appoint a Boundary Commission."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is it a fact that the Hon. Sri T. Prakasam, Chief Minister of the Andhra State, is refusing to co-operate with the Madras Government and to take part in the informal conference which was decided to be held at Delhi? Is it also a fact that he alleges that the Chief Minister of Madras, the Hon. Sri K. Kamaraj Nadar, does not claim these areas whereas only a few individuals are agitating for it for their own political purposes? Will the State Government make their policy very clear about these statements? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the policy of the Government has already been made clear and I would request the hon. Member not to take too seriously the various statements made on various occasions by the leaders of Andhra."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, it has been the demand and agitation of people in certain parts of the Chittoor district that those areas should form part of the Madras State. Meanwhile, the Andhra Government are busy with the establishment of the Sri Venkateswara University at Tirupathi and are constructing pucka buildings. Will this Government take this into consideration and make proper representations to the Central Government so as to avoid all complications in the future? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as far as Tirupathi is concerned, I want to make it clear that we have no case so far as the population figures are concerned."

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SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" பிப்ரவரி 2-ம் தேதியன்று நடத்தப்பட்ட மகாநாட்டுக்கு யார் யார் அழைக்கப்பட்டார்கள் ? எந்த அடிப்படையில் அழைக்கப்பட்டார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it was mainly a conference of Ministers and persons who were very much interested in this question were also invited."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, do the records in the possession of the Government speak to the fact that some of these areas now in dispute once belonged to Tamilnad and were subsequently attached to Chittoor district for administrative purposes and may I also know whether this fact was brought to the notice of the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we are not conducting a historical research to find out which portion belonged to which area in former days. We are now concerned with the linguistic distribution of States and on this basis, we want to claim certain areas."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, whatever may be the dispute between the Tamils and the Andhras regarding the respective areas, it seems that we have lost Tirupathi now. Will this Government exert their influence and make use of their pull with the Central Government to get Tiruttani and the surrounding parts at least for Tamilnad because it is an undisputed area? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, only after the re-sorting of the Census figures, it will be known to what portions we are entitled to."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" சென்னை ராஜ்யத்துடன் தொடர்ந்தாற் போல் இருக்கும் கிராமங்கள் சென்சஸ் கணக்கின்பிரகாரம் தமிழ் பாஷை பேசும் பிரதேசமாக இருந்தால் அந்தப் பிரதேசத்தை தமிழ் ராஜ்யத்துடன் சேர்க்கவேண்டும் என்பதுதானே சென்னை அரசாங்கத்தின் கொள்கை ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Hon. the Leader of the Opposition has correctly stated the position. There is a dispute with reference to the figures taken according to the Census. This will have to be considered only after the re-sorting is done."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Is it not a fact that the Hon. Sri N. Sanjeeva Reddi, the Deputy Chief Minister of the Andhra State, recently made a statement that this boundary question could be settled very easily without much trouble and the interference of others? If the Andhra leaders and the Hon. the Chief Minister of Madras can sit together at a Round Table Conference, a solution can be found out. Therefore, Sir, is it not possible to settle this matter by negotiation and without outside interference? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there is no question of any outside interference in this matter. The only question for the Madras Government or even for the Andhra Government is that we should know the facts and figures for the purpose of laying claims to certain areas and this work of re-sorting is now going on. After this, we will be able to know whether it will be possible to come to a settlement and, if it is not possible, we can ask for a Boundary Commission which will go into the entire question."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" சித்தூரில் தமிழ் பேசும் பகுதிகளை தமிழ் நாட்டுடன் சேர்ப்பதற்கு நடத்தப்படும் கிளர்ச்சியில் சேர்ந்திருக்கும் தலைவர்களுக்கு இந்த அரசாங்கம் ஆதரவு கொடுக்குமா அல்லது போராட்டவீரர்களை அடக்குவதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, in my view there is absolutely no necessity for any agitation or *kilarchi*. What we are doing under the Constitution will be more than enough for getting the areas to which we are entitled."

11-10 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Pending the decision of a Boundary Commission or an informal discussion between the two concerned Chief Ministers, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in those disputed areas, all the Tamil institutions have been closed by an order of the Andhra Government? I can quote one example. One Tamil Teachers' Training School at Proddathurpet in Tiruttani taluk had been closed by an order issued by the Andhra Government. Will the Government of Madras take up this issue with the Andhra Government and request them to maintain the *status quo* and thus see that the cultural aspirations of the Tamilians in those areas are protected till the boundary question is finally settled? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Culture cannot be effaced by whatever action taken within a day or even within a year by the Andhra Government. This matter will be settled very soon so much so it is not necessary to get agitated over the action taken by the Andhra Government."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether our Government have sent any concrete and definite proposals with regard to this matter to the Central Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already answered the question with regard to what we have represented to the Central Government. The actual work of re-sorting is going on now and everything else will depend upon that."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தப் பிரச்னையானது வெகுகாலமாக நீடித்துவருவதன் காரணமாக இரண்டு பக்கத்திலும் மனக்கசப்பும், அமைதிக்குப் பங்கமும் எற்படுவதற்குச் சந்தர்ப்பம் இருப்பதால் இதில் துரிதமானதொரு முடிவைக் காண இந்தச் சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க விரும்புகிறார்கள் என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This re-sorting is being done expeditiously and everything else depends on that. Without that, we cannot lay claim to any territory."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஆந்திர மாகாணம் பிரிந்து ஒரு வருட காலம் ஆகிறது. ஆகியும் கூட இன்னும் இந்த **re-sorting**-ஆக எத்தனை காலம் பிடிக்கும், எப்பொழுது ஆரம்பமாயிற்று என்று நான் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The work was commenced a month or six weeks ago and it will take about three months to finish."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, no definite answer has been given to my question. I do not mind even putting the question in Tamil."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I did not object to the hon. Member putting the question in Tamil."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I want a definite answer to my question which was put seriously on the floor of this House. Is the Hon. Minister for Education aware of the fact that all Tamil schools in the disputed areas in Chittoor district have been closed by an order issued by the Director of Public Instruction of the Andhra State encouraged by the Andhra Ministry? I will quote one instance. The Tamil Teachers' Training School managed by a private management at Proddathurpet had been closed recently, four days back. Pending a final decision by a Boundary Commission or by negotiation, will the Hon. Minister take up the issue with the Government of the Andhra State and request them to maintain the *status quo*, namely, to re-start the school and re-admit all the Tamil students and thus see that the Tamil interests are maintained and that no breach of peace occurs?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no use of getting excited over this matter. I am prepared to take up the issue with the Andhra Government. But I am not quite sure about the result. We need not be unnecessarily alarmed about the matter. Whatever area we are entitled to get we are bound to get it within this year and whatever change is necessary, we will be able to do after we get that territory."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஏற்கெனவே நான் கேட்ட கேள்விக்கு கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும்போது இந்தப் பிரச்னையில் அக்கரையுள்ளவர்கள் அழைக்கப்பட்டார்கள் என்று சொன்னார். இந்தச் சபையிலுள்ள பொறுப்பு வாய்ந்த எல்லாக் கட்சித் தலைவர்களையும் அழைத்திருந்தால் நன்றாக இருந்திருக்காதா, அப்படி என் அழைக்கவில்லையென்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We invited only the ' Ellai Thalapathi ' (hon. Member Sri K. Vinayakam)—though we did not recognize him as such—as he was taking a very keen interest in the matter and as we thought that he would represent the extreme point of view. Therefore, it was considered not necessary to consider the other views."

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister for Education in his answer to the question put by hon. Member Sri C. Kandasamy used one word which I was not able to understand. Probably that word is the most important word of the answer. I am not in a position to understand the meaning of that word. As it involves the policy of the Government I request the Hon. Speaker to ask the Hon. Minister to give the meaning of the word in English."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The word is ' Ellai Thalapathi '."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Have our Government made any specific recommendations to the Central Government asking them to include within the residuary State of Madras areas like Tiruttani? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have not made any recommendation with reference to the actual area to be included in our State. We have stated that we are entitled to every contiguous area in which there is a Tamil majority population (Sri P. Ramamurthi : ' On village basis ') taken on village basis and that may be decided only after re-sorting census figures."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already given fifteen minutes for this question and I will now pass on to the next question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I move, Sir, that in view of the importance of the subject the Hon. Speaker may allot a half-hour debate. . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already allowed another half-hour debate and that has not taken place yet. I have no objection in this case also but I cannot fix the time and the date for the debate."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the Hon. Speaker allowed two more supplementary questions on this question . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already said that I have no objection to allow a half-hour debate. The hon. Member cannot bargain with the Chair."

Stay-in-strike in the Commonwealth Tile Factory at Codacal, South Malabar.

* 1168 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a stay-in-strike is going on in the Commonwealth Tile Factory at Codacal, South Malabar, since 1st May 1954;

(*b*) whether on account of the tension prevailing at the place a police force has been posted there; and

(*c*) whether any conciliation is being attempted by the Labour Officer, Malabar; and if so, with what result?